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...I TRUSTED YOU TO PROTECT HIM. WHAT WENT WRONG?



PRINCESS SALLY... SONIC HAD NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO LEAVE THE KING'S SIDE--



:-SOB:-

SAL-- WAIT!



I THINK SHE NEEDS SOME TIME TO HER-SELF...



I THINK NOT!

REMAIN HERE-- I'LL SEE TO MY SISTER.

ROBOTROPOLIS...

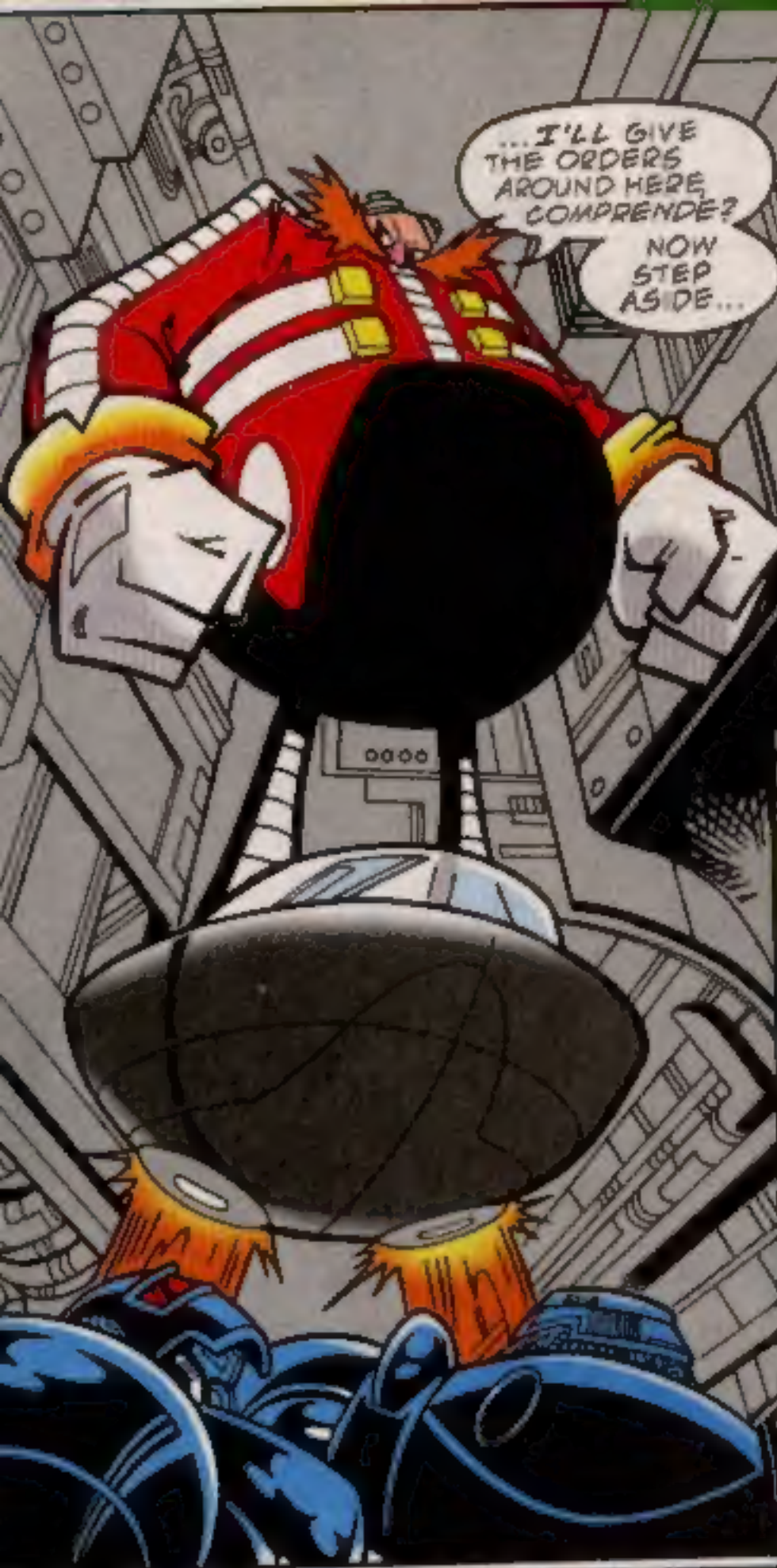


GET
INSIDE!



WE'LL SAID,
INDEED...

BUT
FROM NOW
ON...



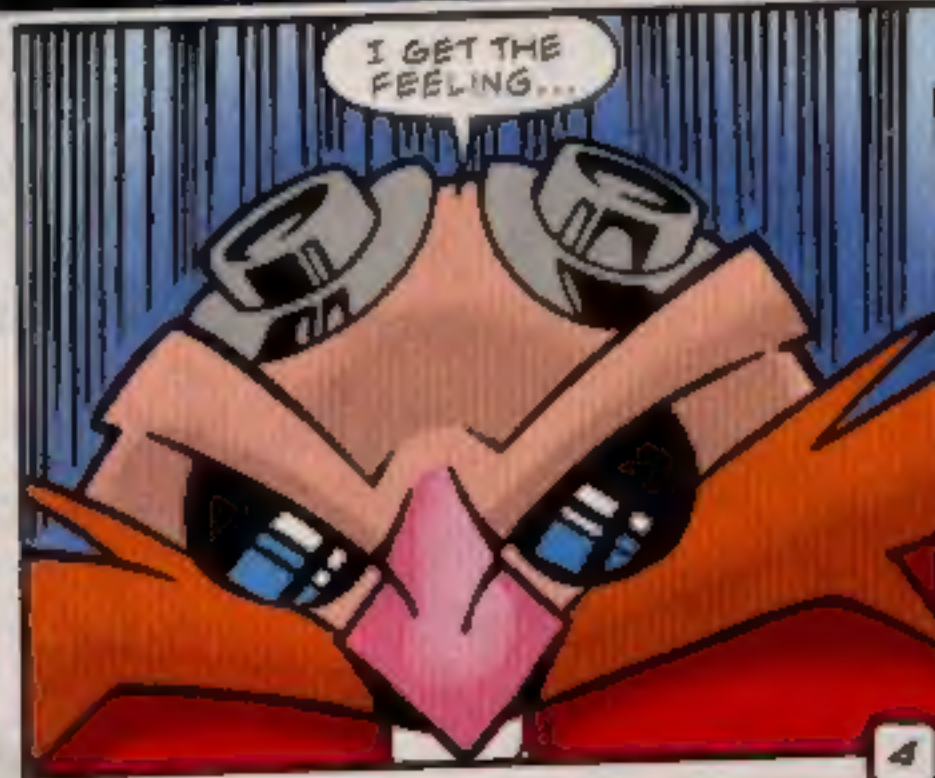
...I'LL GIVE
THE ORDERS
AROUND HERE,
COMPRENDE?
NOW
STEP
ASIDE...



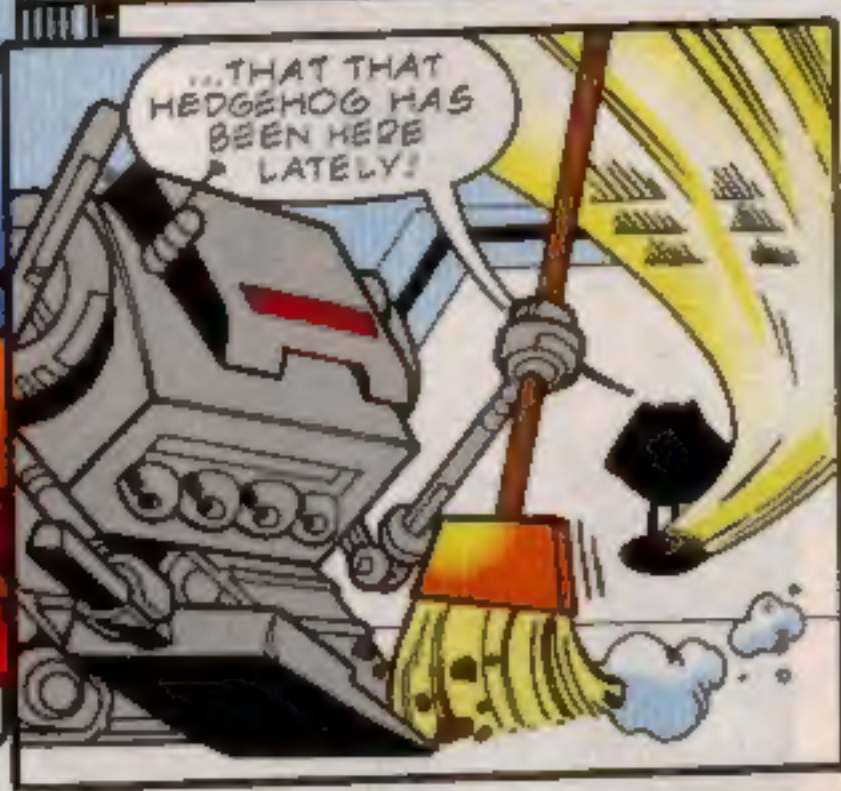
...I'VE BEEN
ABROAD FOR
FAR TOO
LONG AND...



...AND...
...WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
MY SCIENCE
LAB?



I GET THE
FEELING...



...THAT THAT
HEDGEHOG HAS
BEEN HERE
LATELY!

GET A LOAD
OF MISTER
PERFECT OVER
THERE...

GUARD, RETURN THE
SWORD OF ACORNS TO THE
ROYAL RELIQUARY AT
ONCE!

YOU MUSTN'T BLAME
YOURSELF, SONIC--
I'VE KNOWN SALLY
SINCE SHE WAS
LITTLE...

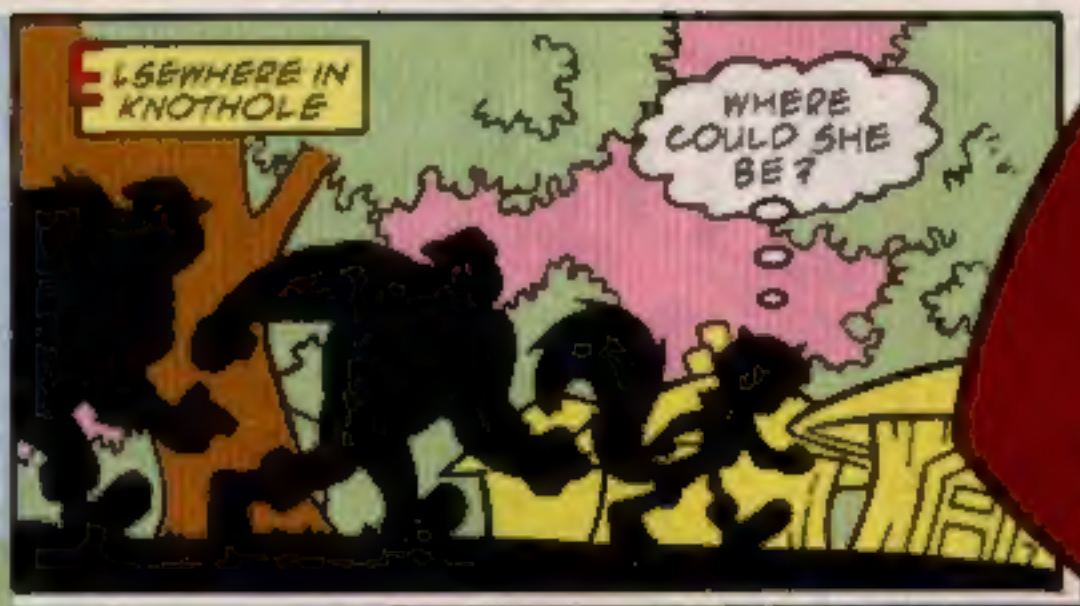
...AND BELIEVE
ME, HER OUTBURST
CAME AS A RESULT OF
THE INTENSE PRESSURE
SHE'S UNDERGOING.

YOU'RE PROBABLY
RIGHT, ROSIE, BUT I
CAN'T HELP FEELING
LIKE I LET HER DOWN
BIG-TIME...

HIYA, ROSIE--WE JUST
GOT BACK FROM OUR WALK!

THANKS
FOR BABY-SITTING,
MINA.

I WONDER
WHY SONIC
SEEMS SO
GLUM?

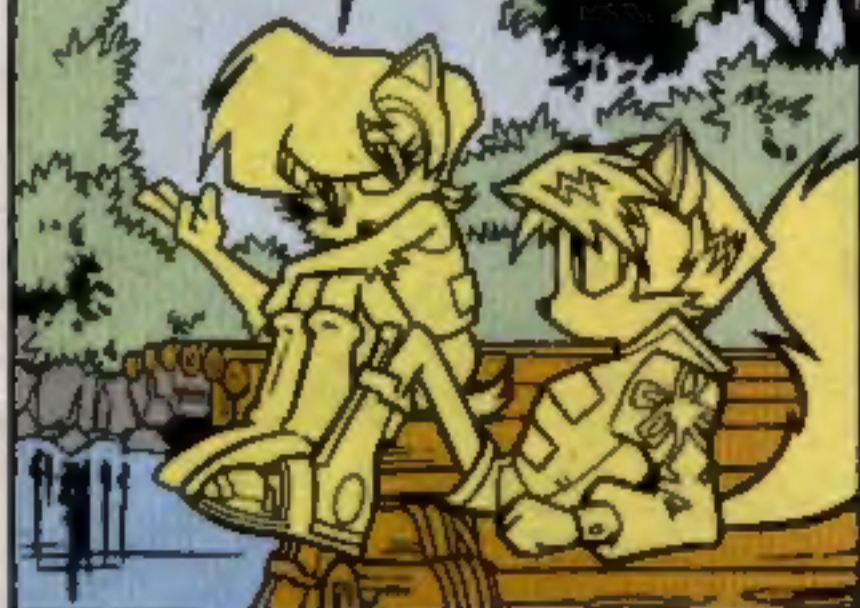


THERE I'VE
NEVER SEEN HER
GET LIKE THIS! SO...
LOST...



I USED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WHEN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND ENDED WITH ME, BUT EVER SINCE HIS RETURN...

...DAD'S KEPT THINGS FROM ME AND LEFT ME OUT OF EVERY DECISION. AND NOW YOU, TOO...



YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SALLY, AND IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO DO SO.

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN INFORMED OF MOTHER'S CONDITION BEFORE YOU'D LEFT FOR THAT HIDDEN CITY OF THE OLD ONES...

ANCIENTS.



I'M NOT READY TO LOSE MOM AND DAD.

SEE? FATHER SHOULD'VE APPOINTED YOU THE SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE. YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR IT...



NOR I. BUT TELL ME...

...WHY DID YOU TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON SONIC INSTEAD OF ME?

I ASKED HIM TO PROTECT DAD, AND NOW...



BUT SALLY, HE LEFT DAD'S SIDE TO RESCUE ME!

OH, SONIC!



"I COULD
HUG YOU!"

DON'T WORRY, SON.
YOUR MOM AND I KNOW
YOU TRIED YOUR BEST BUT
EVEN YOU CAN'T BE IN TWO
PLACES AT ONCE.

PRINCESS
WILL COME
AROUND--YOU
JUST WAIT!

IN THE
MEANTIME WHY
DON'T I FIX YOU
SOME BREAKFAST?

MAYBE I'M JUST
A LOOSE CANNON
--ALWAYS ACTING
BEFORE THINKING.

I--

I WISH UNCLE
CHUCK WERE HERE.
HE HAD ALL THE
ANSWERS...

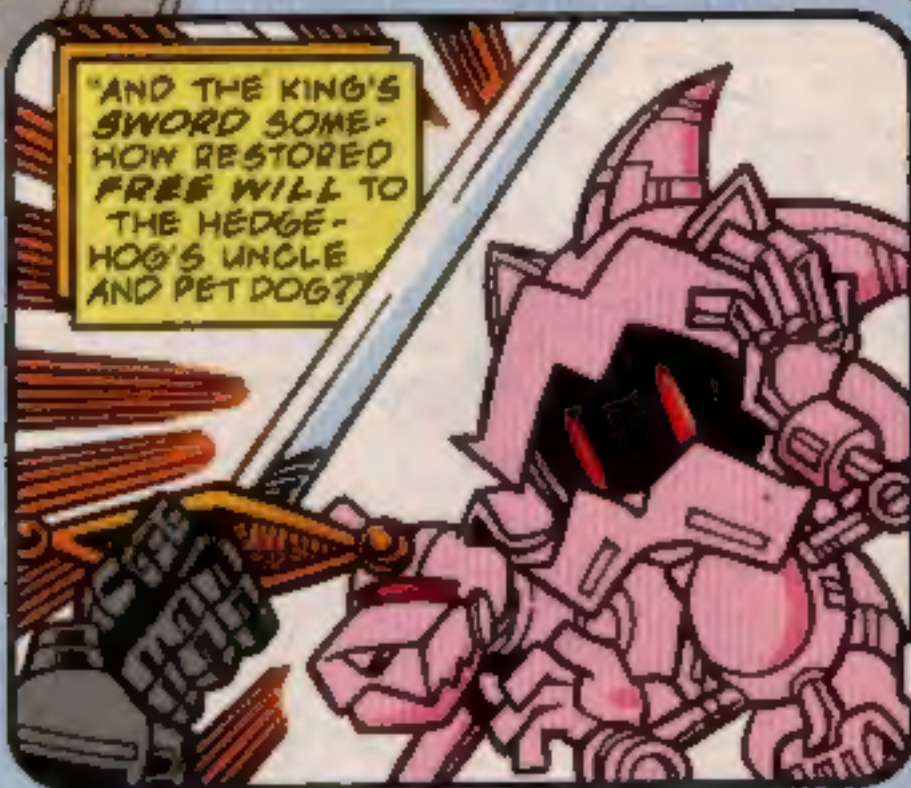
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CHAPTER TWO

SONIC AND
COMPANY ACTUALLY
HAD THE NERVE TO
STORM MY BASE OF
OPERATIONS?



"AND THE KING'S
SWORD SOME-
HOW RESTORED
FREE WILL TO
THE HEDGE-
HOG'S UNCLE
AND PET DOG?"



FIND ME
THAT WEAPON
AT ONCE!



UNCLE CHUCK SEEMED
LIKE HIS OLD SELF AGAIN
WHEN SALLY POINTED THE
SWORD OF ACORNS AT HIM.
HUH, "A-6"?

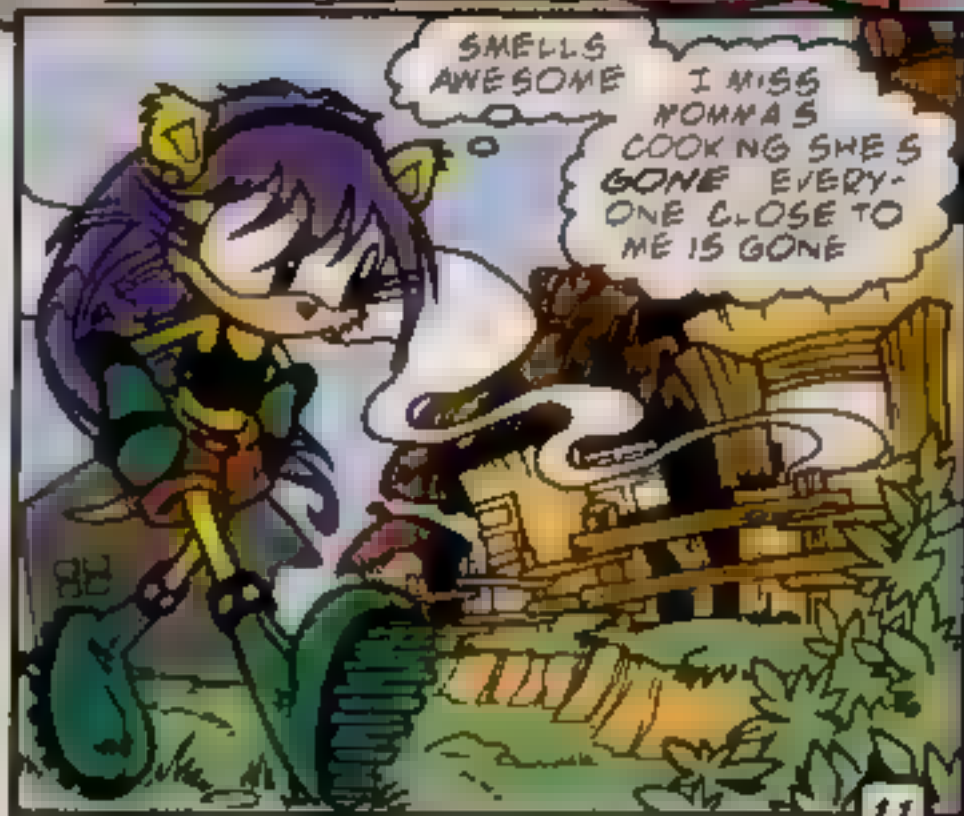
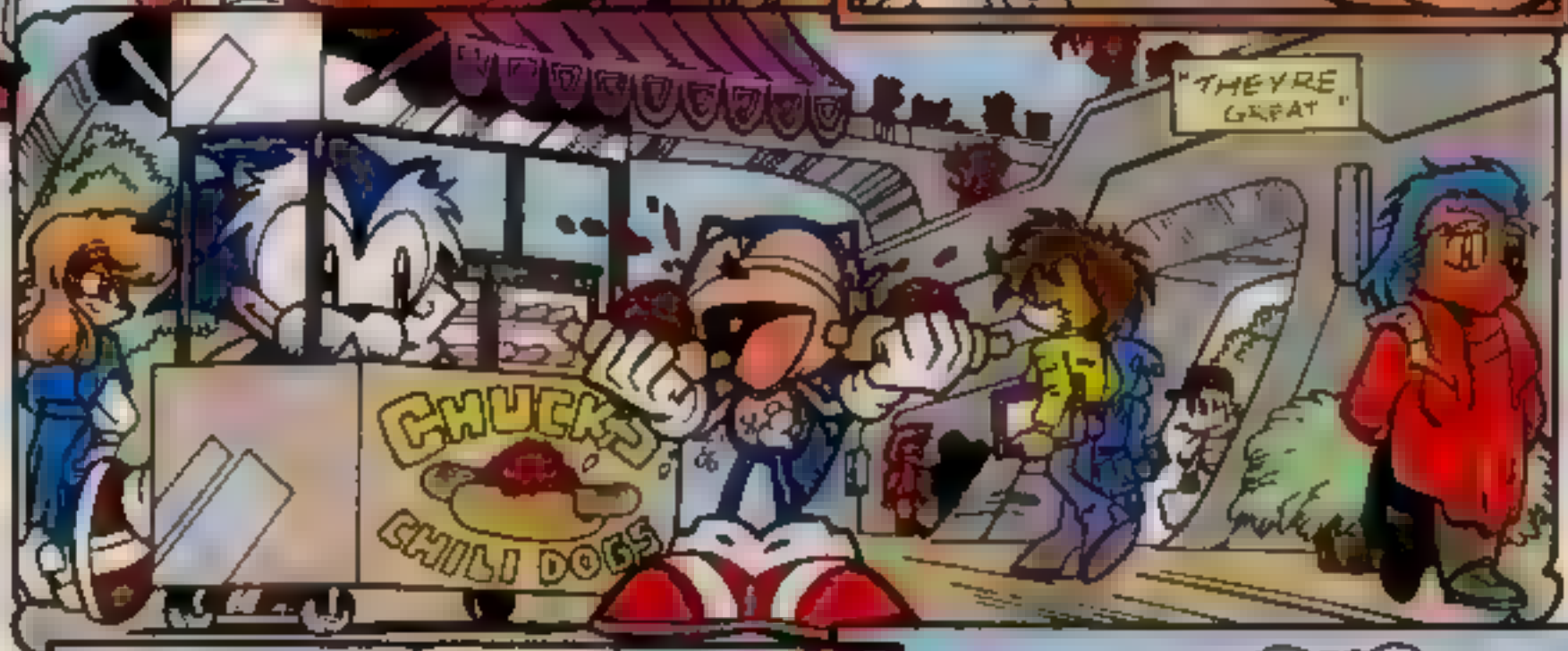
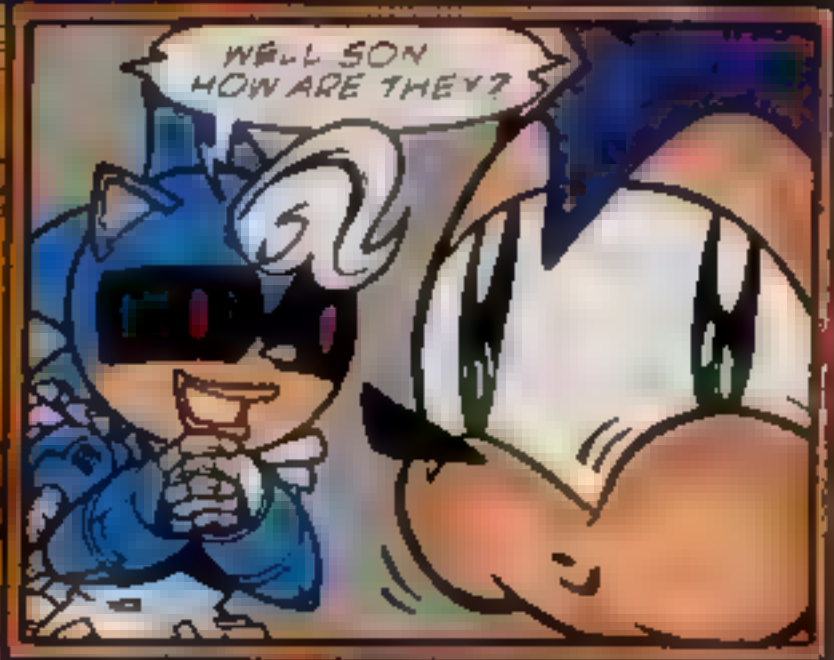
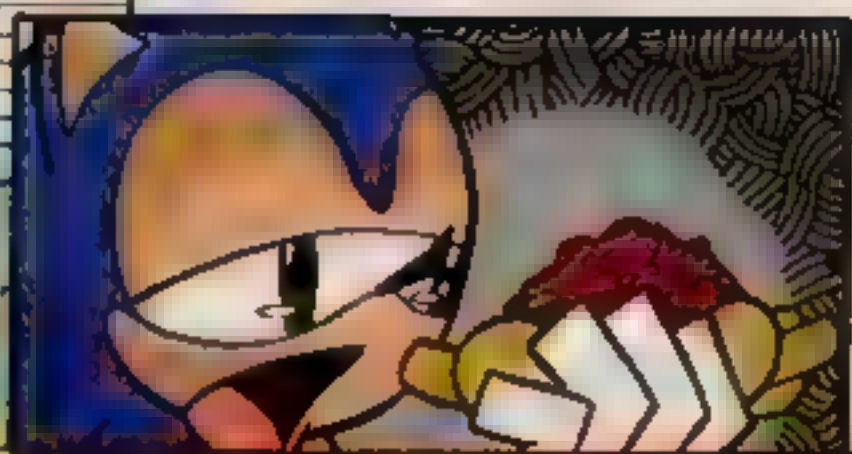
WISH I
HAD MORE TIME
TO FIGURE IT
OUT

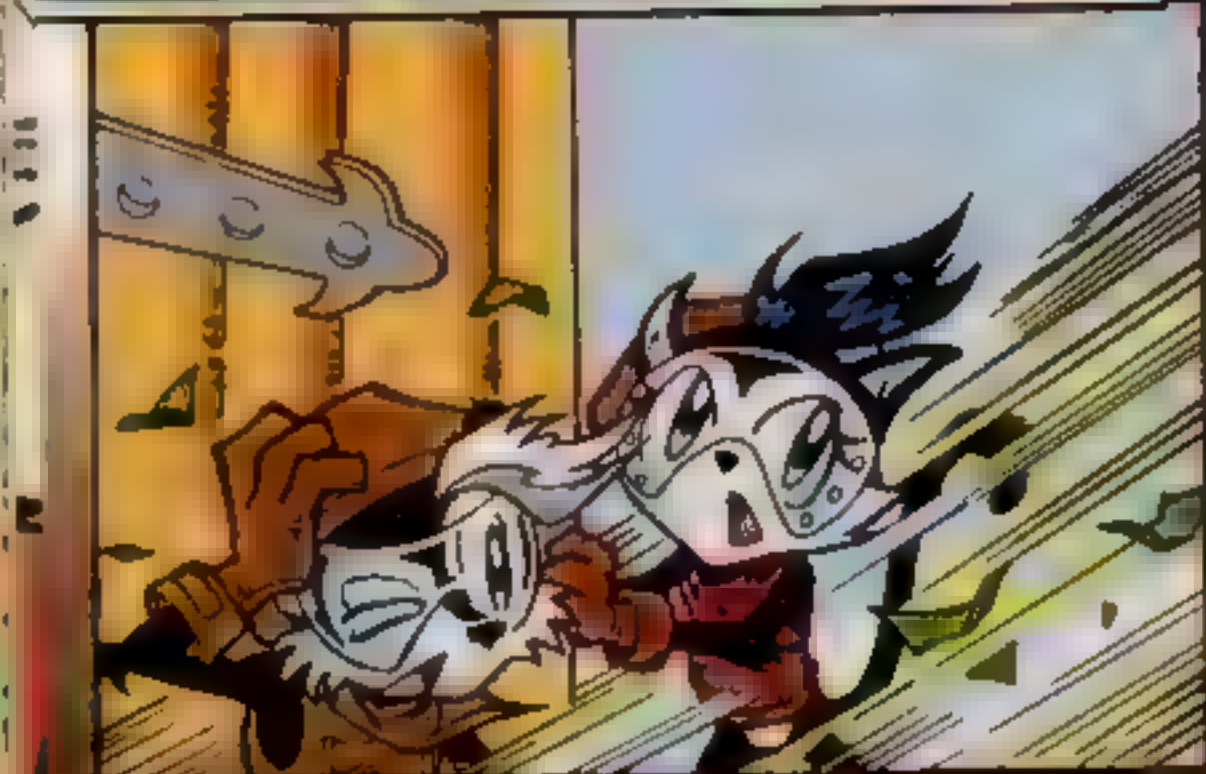
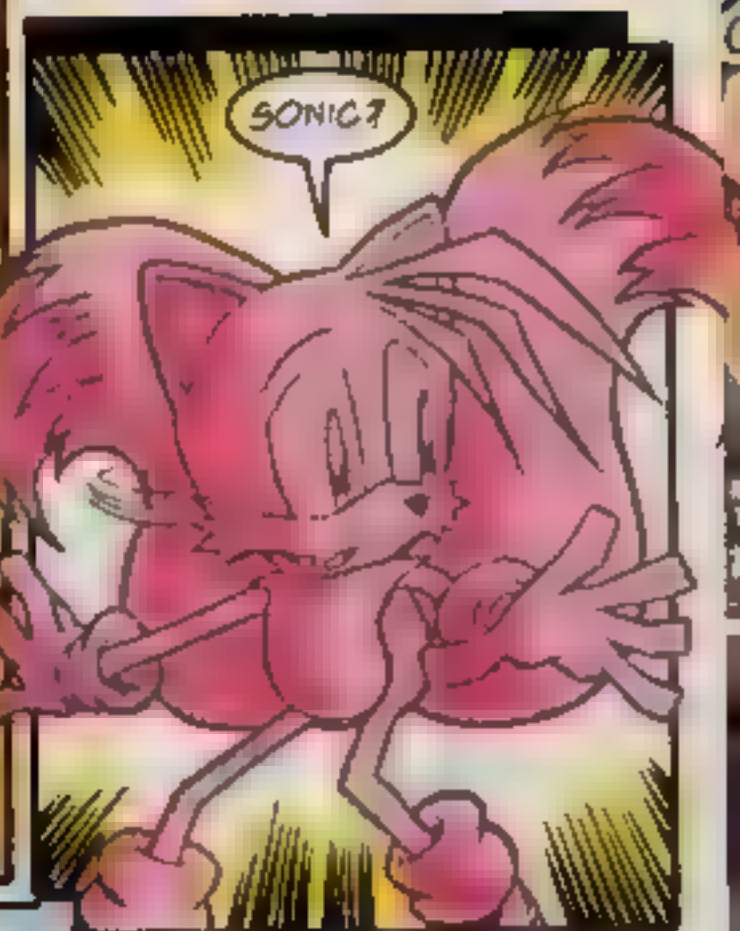
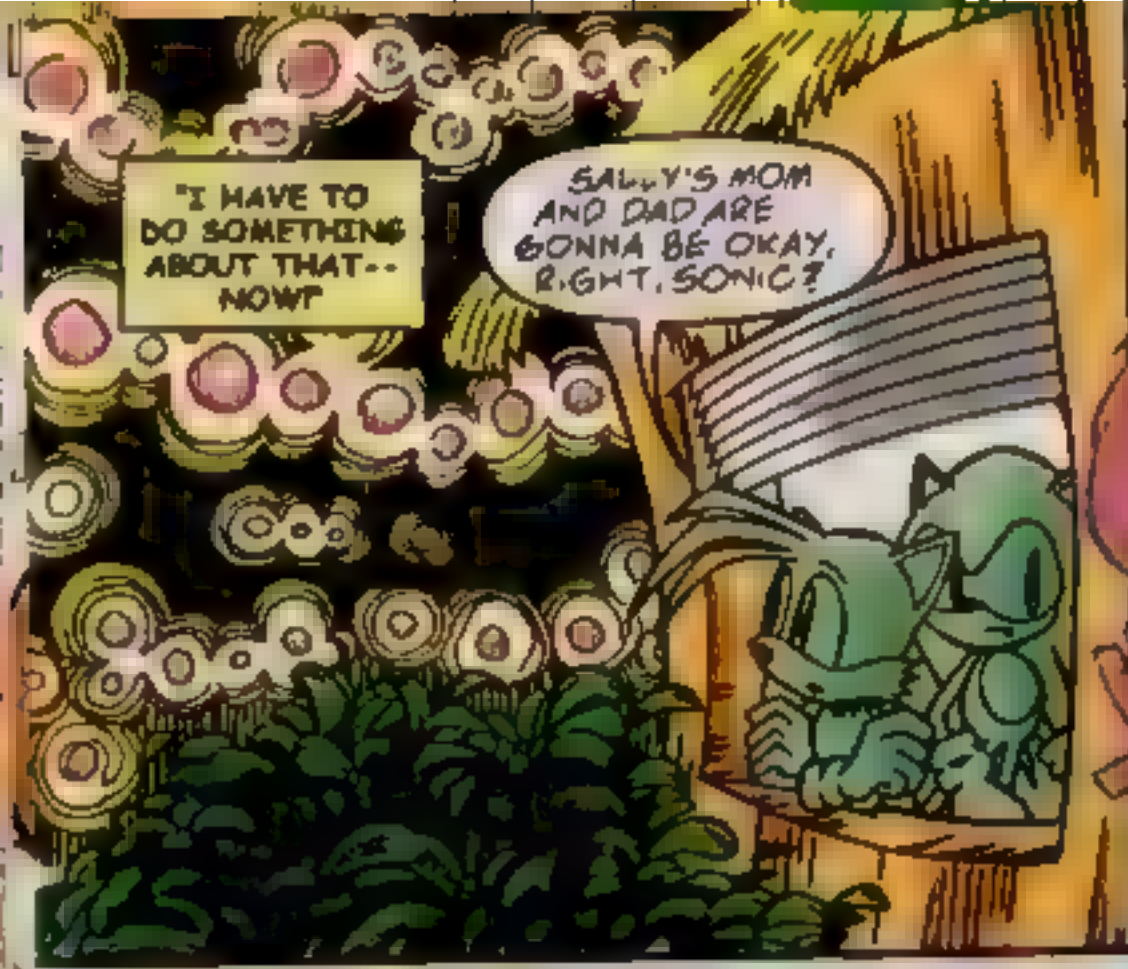
YOU
SAID IT,
SONIC!

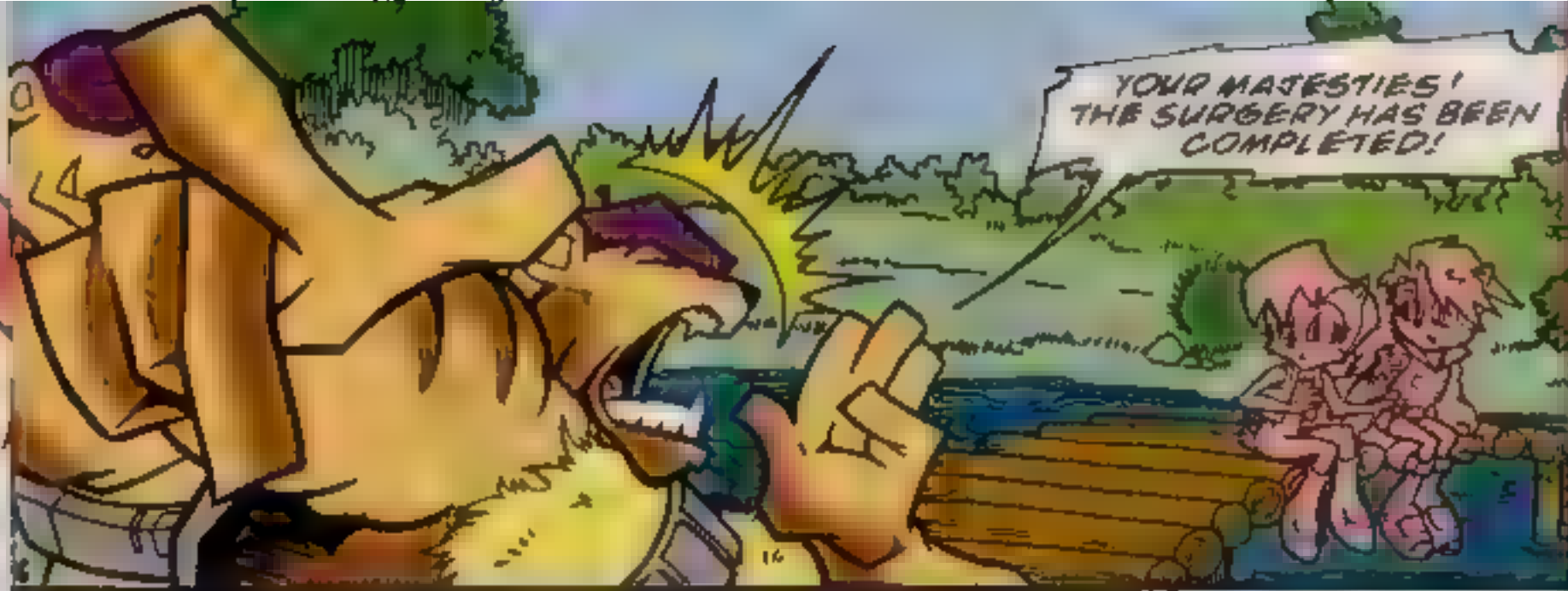
BUT MY
BEST GUESS IS
THAT IT MIGHT BE
THE KEY TO
RESTORING THE
BOB AND FREE
N-1

BREAKFAST
IS SERVED, BOYS!
BETTER GET IT
WHILE IT'S HOT

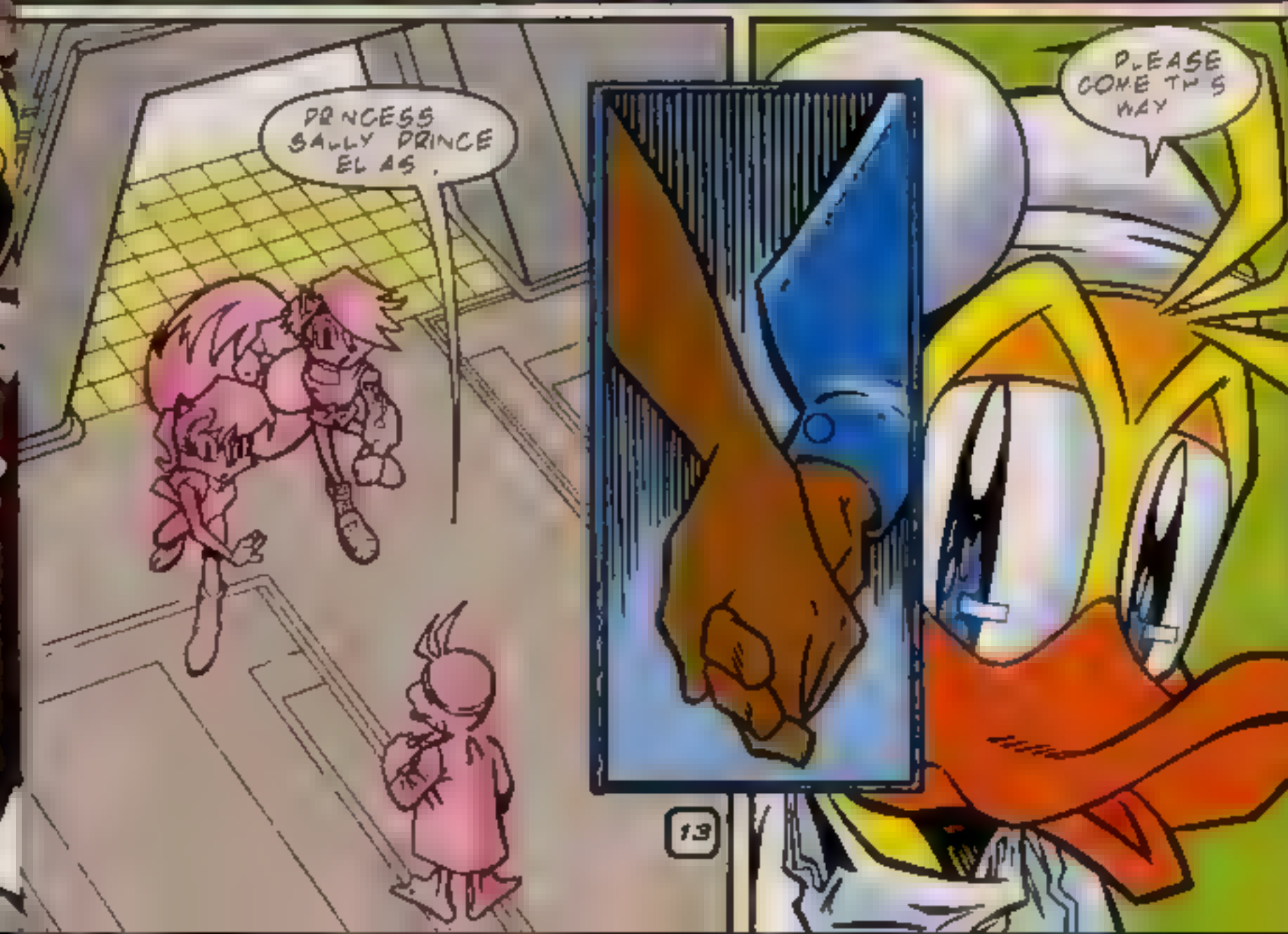
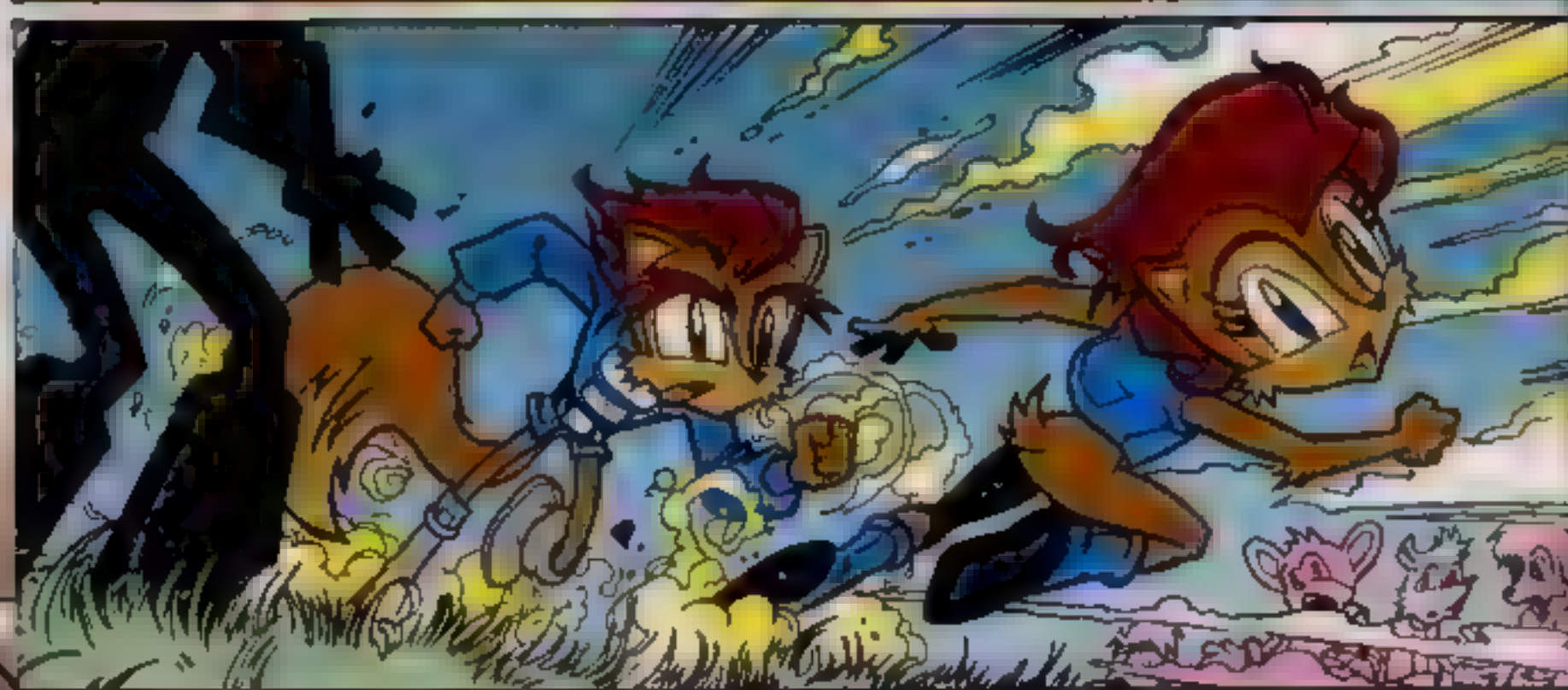
OR IN
THIS CASE
CHILI!





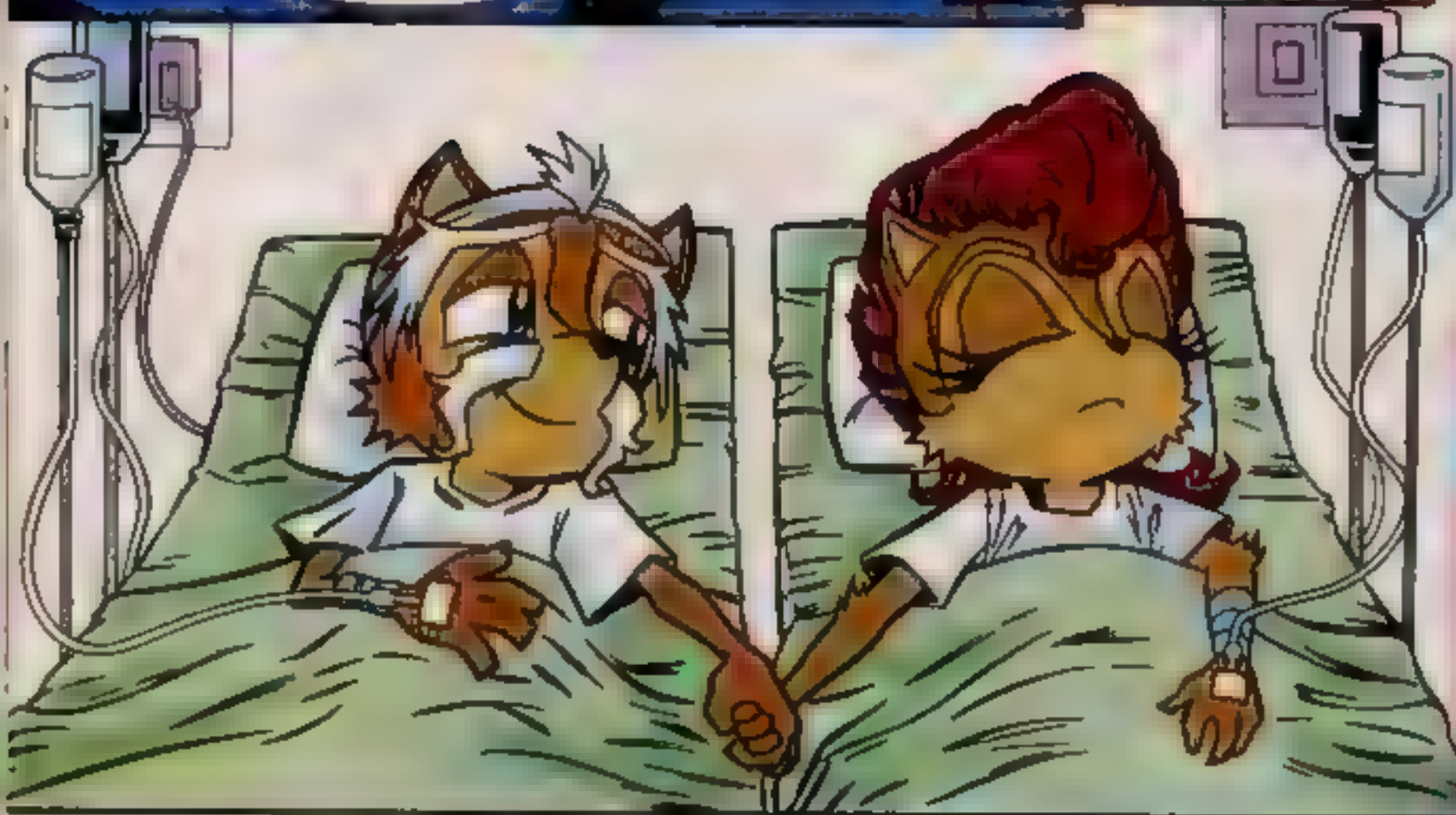
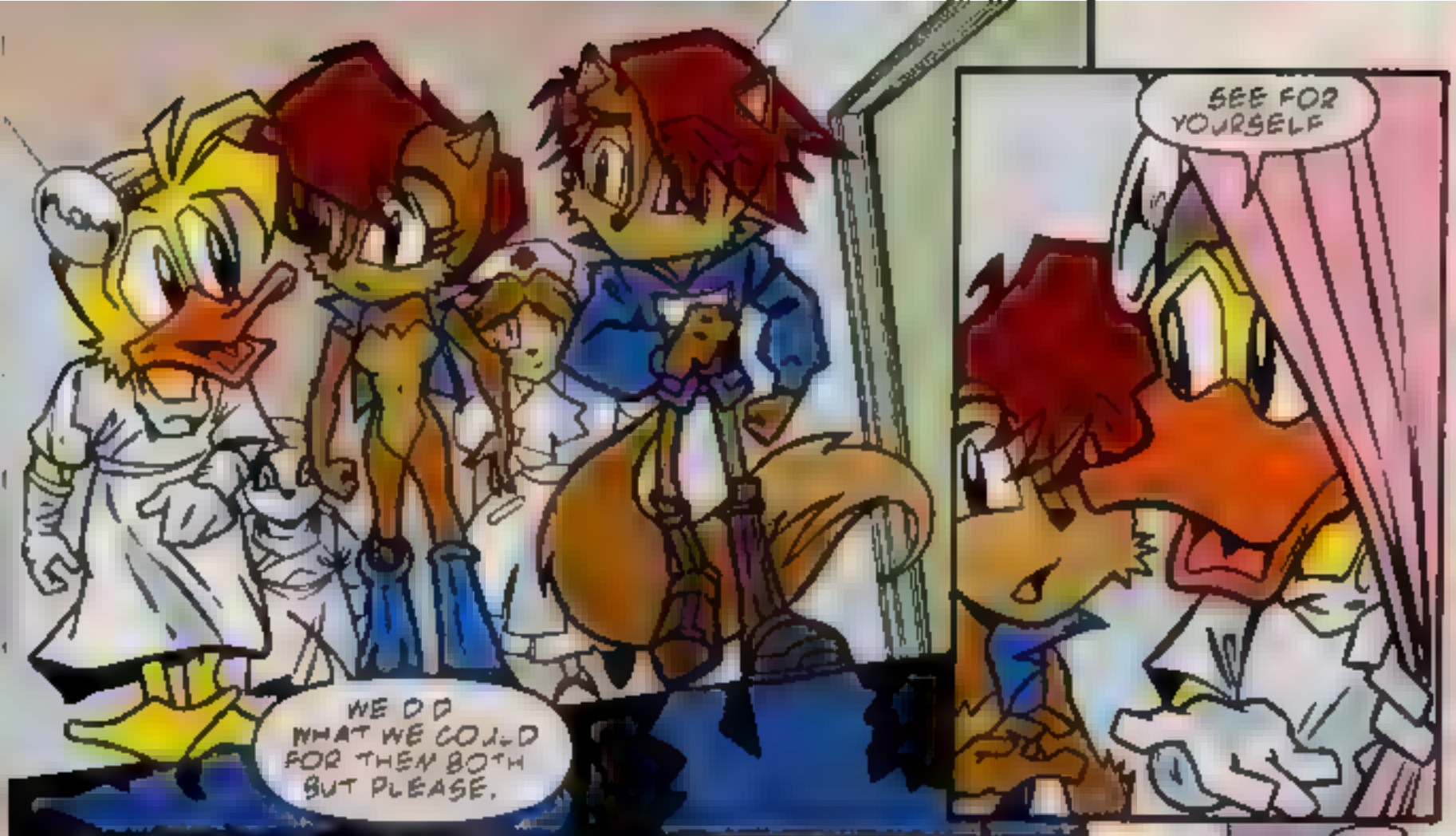


YOUR MAJESTIES!
THE SURGERY HAS BEEN
COMPLETED!



PRINCESS
SALLY PRINCE
EL AS

PLEASE
COME THIS
WAY



MY HAND--
SHE SQUEEZED
MY HAND-- I
FELT IT!

MOTHER..

OH MY..

MAX M L L A N ?

SHE'S BACK,
SALLY!

AT LAST
ELIAS

AT
LAST!



TO BE
CONTINUED

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KNUCKLES HAS SET OFF ON A QUEST TO LEARN THE FATE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ALL WHO LIVED UPON IT. HIS TRAVELS HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE TO SEVENTH FOREST AND OLD FRIENDS.

A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST

UPON COMPARING NOTES, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ANSWERS MIGHT BE FOUND ACROSS THE CHANNEL ON THE ISLAND HOMELAND OF THE ECHIDNA RACE, ALBION! AND SO IT IS WE FIND KNUCKLES AND COMPANY SETTING SAIL UNDER A PALE MOONLIGHT...

DIDN'T THOU WALK ACROSS THE WATER'S SURFACE LAST WE MET?

YEAH! BUT I HAVE THIS THING ABOUT WATER AND TEMPTING FATE!

WHATEVER WERE YOU DOING HEAH, SUGAR-KNUCKLES?

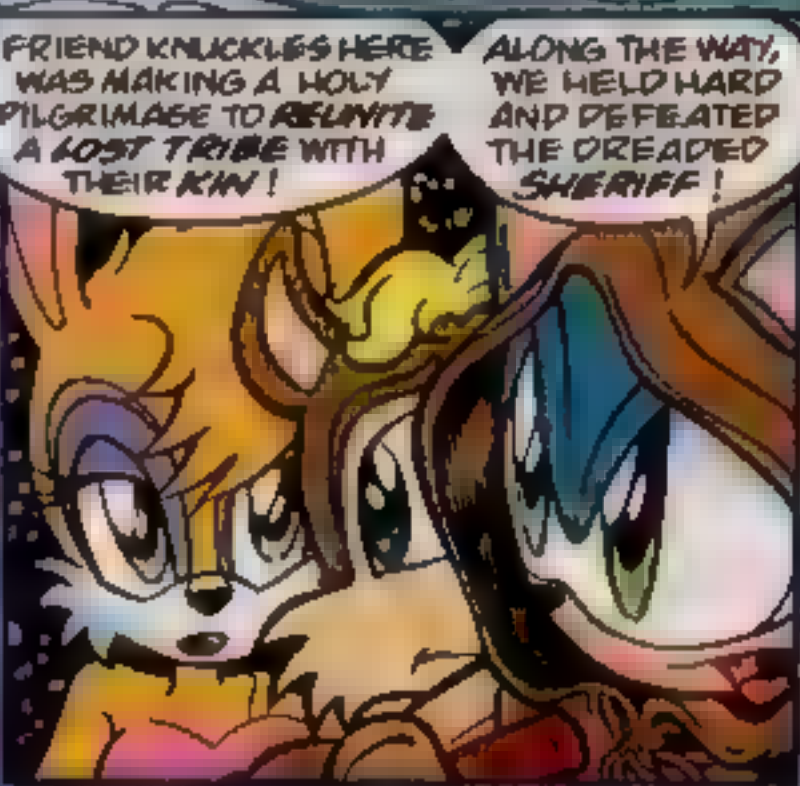
I THOUGHT YOU USUALLY STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

FRIEND KNUCKLES HERE WAS MAKING A HOLY PILGRIMAGE TO REUNITE A LOST TRIBE WITH THEIR KIN!

ALONG THE WAY, WE WELD HARD AND DEFEATED THE DREADED SHERIFF!

UNFORTUNATELY, WE NE'ER SANG OR CELEBRATED OUR GREAT VICTORY TOGETHER!

WHATE'ER DID BECOME OF YOU AFTER, MY FRIEND?



NOTHING MUCH,
REALLY.

I SIMPLY
LED 'EM TO
THEIR NEW
HOME, AND
THEN I
CUT
OUT!

BUT
WHY?

WEREN'T THEY
YOUR KIND YOU WERE
LEADING FRIEND YANAR
AND THE OTHERS, TOO?

WHY, INDEED, DID ONE
OF OUR OWN REJECT HIS
HOMELAND?

HIS DUTIES LAY
ELSEWHERE COUNCILOR
GALA-NA!

YANAR IS
CORRECT! KNUCKLES WAS
SIMPLY FOLLOWING WHAT
HE WAS TAUGHT!

IT'S THE OTHERS
I'M MORE CONCERNED
WITH!

ROB O'THE HERGE HAS ACTED AS OUR AGENT
EVER SINCE THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK
INSTALLED HIS LIEUTENANT WITHIN OUR
SPHERE, COUNCILOR RITA-LI.

BUT
NEITHER WE NOR
ANY OUTSIDER
HAS EVER
TROD UPON OUR
LAND!

UNTIL
OUR RECENT
GUEST, YOU
MEAN!

I WOULDN'T
EXACTLY CALL WHAT
HE'S DOING TRODDING
UPON OUR LAND!

BUT, IN
CASE NONE
OF YOU HAVE
BEEN PAYING
ATTENTION—

"--THE MALE COYOTE ABOARD BEARS A CONSIDERABLE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM!"

AS WE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT, THE FLAMES THAT BURNED THROUGHOUT SEPARATED US!

MINE EYES NEVER GAZED THE SIGHT OF HIM AFTERWARDS!

SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME WHATEVER BECAME OF THE SHERIFF, NON AMI?

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, ROB--

-- AS WE'VE JUST REACHED SHORE!

C'MON!

AND THE SHERIFF-- THERE WASN'T ANY WAY TO TELL--

-- IF HE SURVIVED?

WE NE'ER CROSSED PATHS AGAIN--

--NOR HAS HE EXERTED ANY INFLUENCE O'ER MY ROBOTICIZED BAND SINCE!

MAYBE YOU GUYS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES HE WAS A THREAT TO!

AND IF YOU HADN'T PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT--

-MAYBE
SOMEONE ELSE
DID!

I DIDN'T THINK
ANYONE KNEW I WAS
COMING!

WE KNOW
MORE THAN YOU
REALIZE!

HAH!!!
GAA-AH!!!

YOU EXCHANGE
NOTES WITH MY
RELATIVES?

WELCOME,
KNUCKLES!

IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU ONCE
AGAIN!

SADLY, NO. YOUR
FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN
THE MOST INDEPENDENT
AMONG US!

I CAN'T
BEGIN TO TELL
YOU HOW MANY
TIMES WE'VE
PLEADED FOR
THEIR RETURN
TO THE
MOTHER-
LAND!

HOWEVER, I GATHER YOU
HAVE PRESSING CONCERNS
OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO
YOU AT THIS TIME!

LIKE FINDING OUT
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE
FLOATING ISLAND!

IN TIME, KNUCKLES
FOR NOW, ALLOW ME
TO ESCORT YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS TO A PLACE OF
HOSPITALITY--

"--AND WE'LL RECONVENE AFTER A PERIOD OF REST..."

QUITE THE
VIEW FROM
UP HERE--

--BUT THIS
IS GETTING ME
NOWHERE REAL
QUICK!

"I JUST GET THE FUNNY FEELING MY PROBLEM
AIN'T THE PRIORITY AROUND HERE!"

WHINING WON'T
DO ANY GOOD!

DAD WOULD JUST
SAY "SUCK IT UP AND
WORK TO RESOLVE THE
PROBLEM!"

I DIDN'T
REALIZE I WAS
SO TIRED, AMY
DEAH!

IT HAS
BEEN A LONG DAY,
BUNNIE!

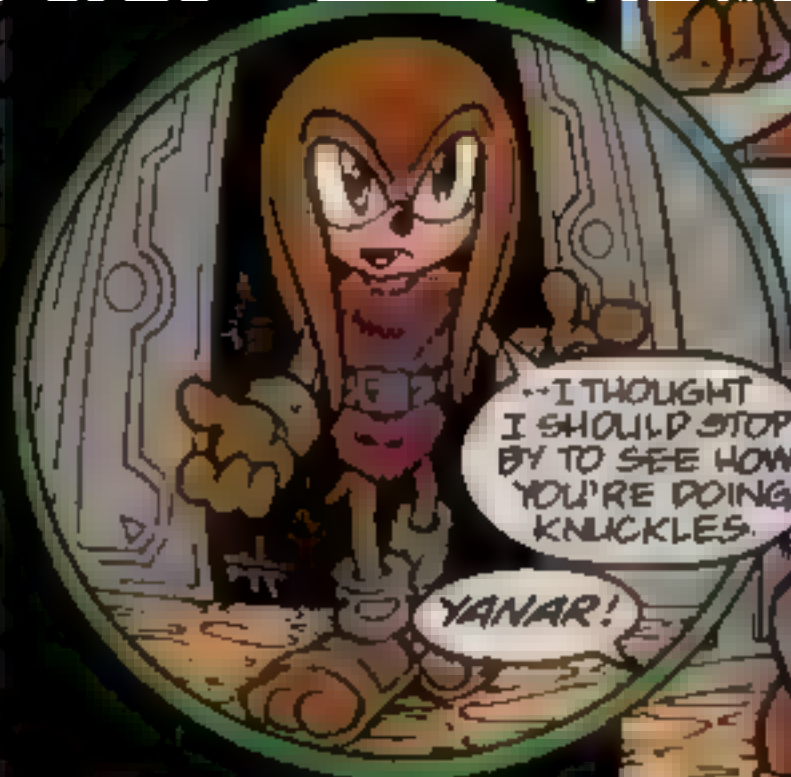
GRAB SOME
SHUTEYE,
HON!

MORNING'LL
BE HEAH BEFOAH YOU
KNOW IT!

THEY'RE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT!

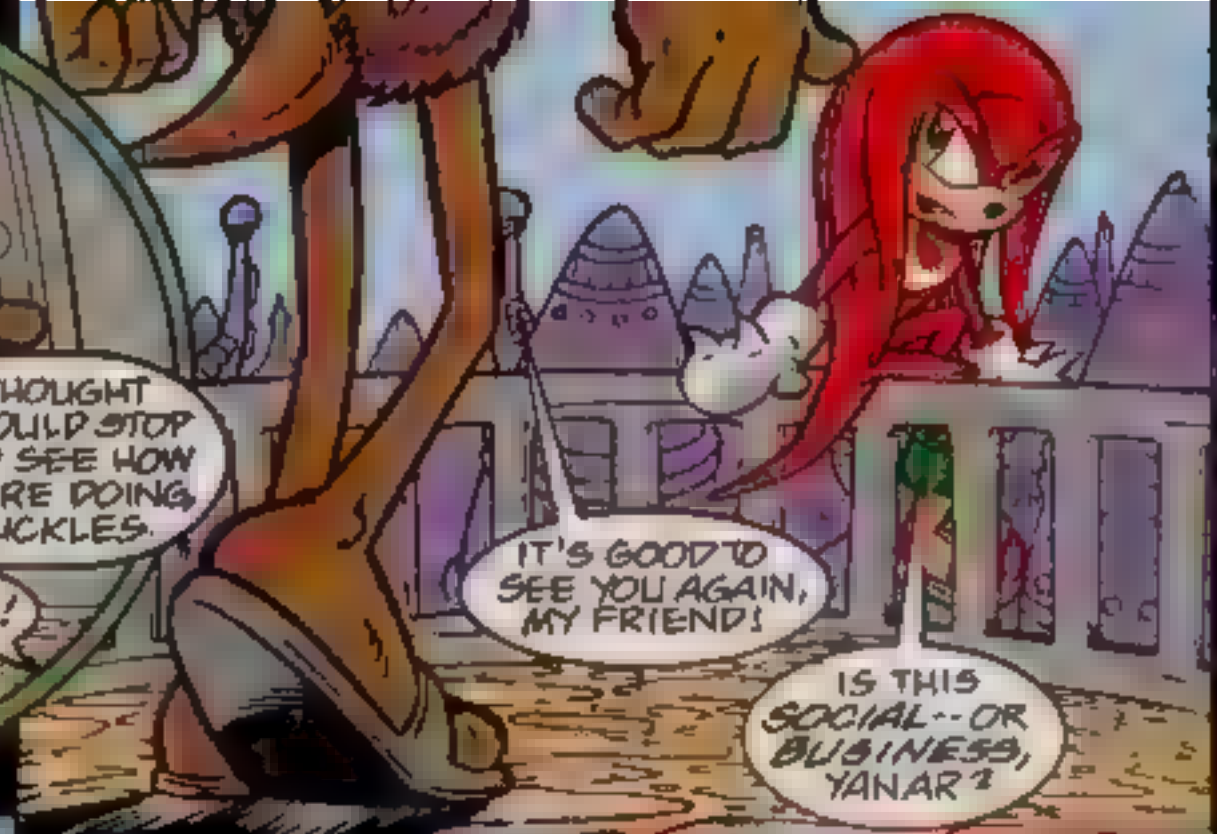
ALL EXCEPT
KNUCKLES!

EVEN THOUGH I
FEEL RITA-LI IS
MAKING MUCH ADO
OVER NOTHING--



--I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP BY TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING, KNUCKLES.

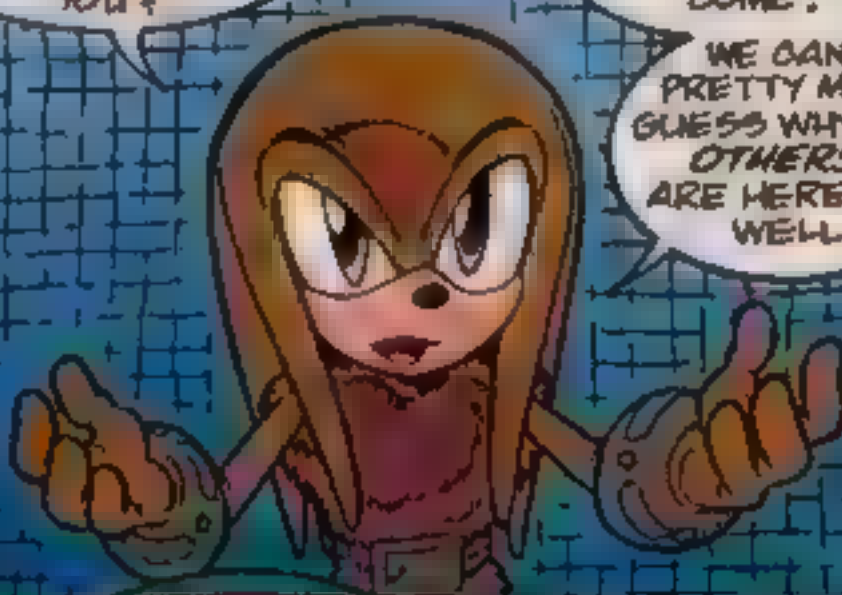
YANAR!



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIEND!

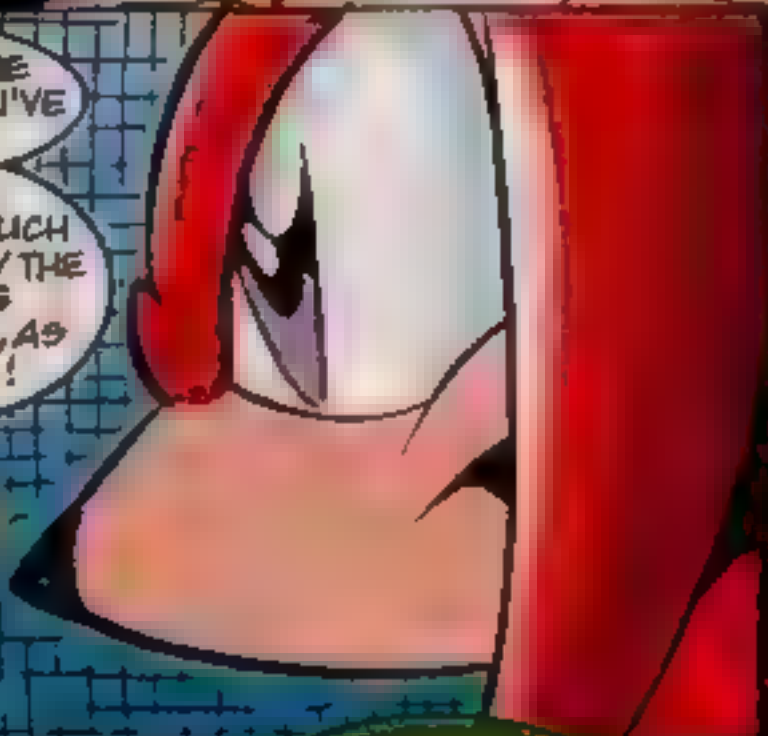
IS THIS SOCIAL--OR BUSINESS, YANAR?

YOU CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE, DON'T YOU?



WE KNOW THE REASON YOU'VE COME!

WE CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS WHY THE OTHERS ARE HERE, AS WELL!



YOU MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND ?!!



ALONG WITH EVERYONE ON IT ?!!

AND NONE OF YOU ARE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT ?!!



THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING!

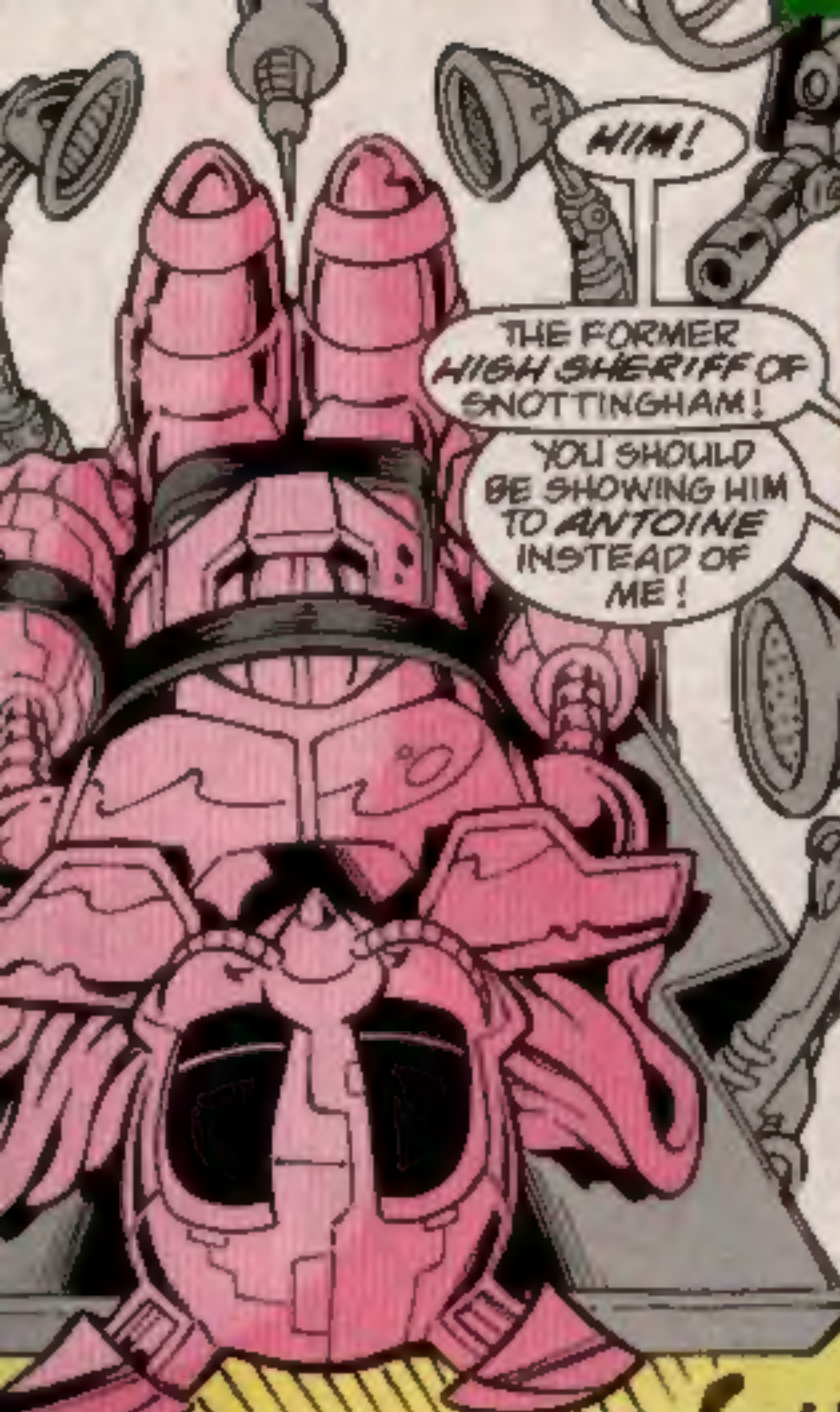
RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM!

ONE THAT CONCERNS YOUR FRIENDS!



OH, YEAH? SUCH AS?

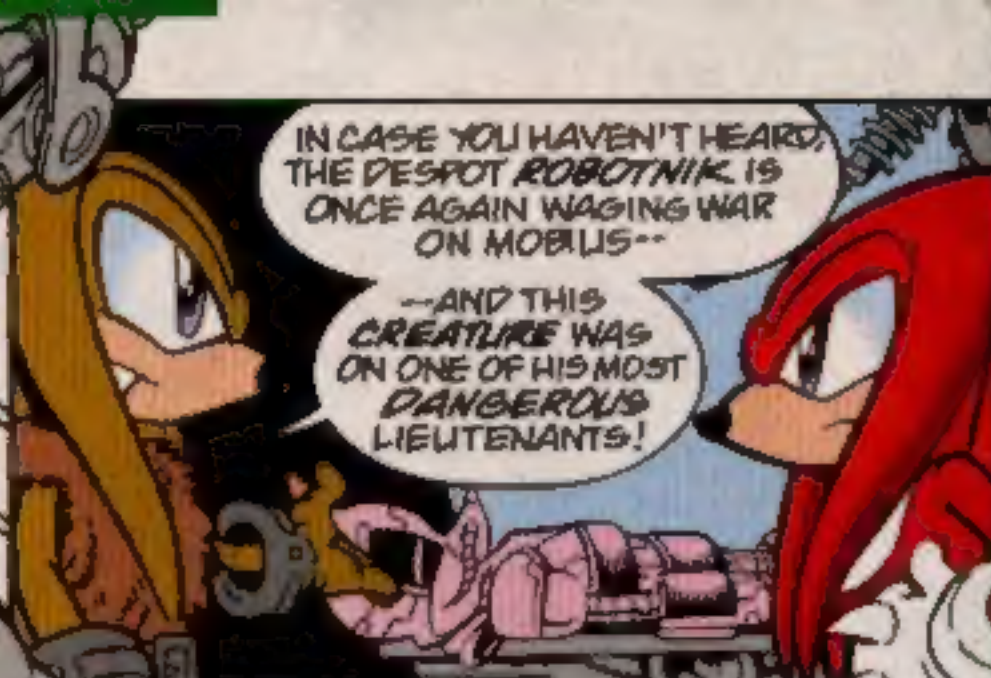




HIM!

THE FORMER
HIGH SHERIFF OF
SPOTTINGHAM!

YOU SHOULD
BE SHOWING HIM
TO ANTOINE
INSTEAD OF
ME!



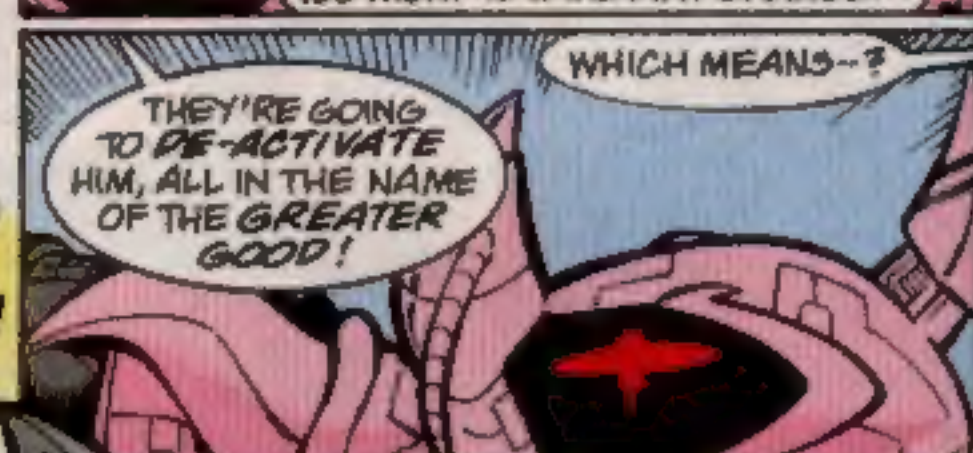
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,
THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK IS
ONCE AGAIN WAGING WAR
ON MOEBUS--

--AND THIS
CREATURE WAS
ON ONE OF HIS MOST
DANGEROUS
LIEUTENANTS!

YEAH, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOUR GUY IS
GOING TO BE LEADING THE CHARGE ANYTIME
SOON!



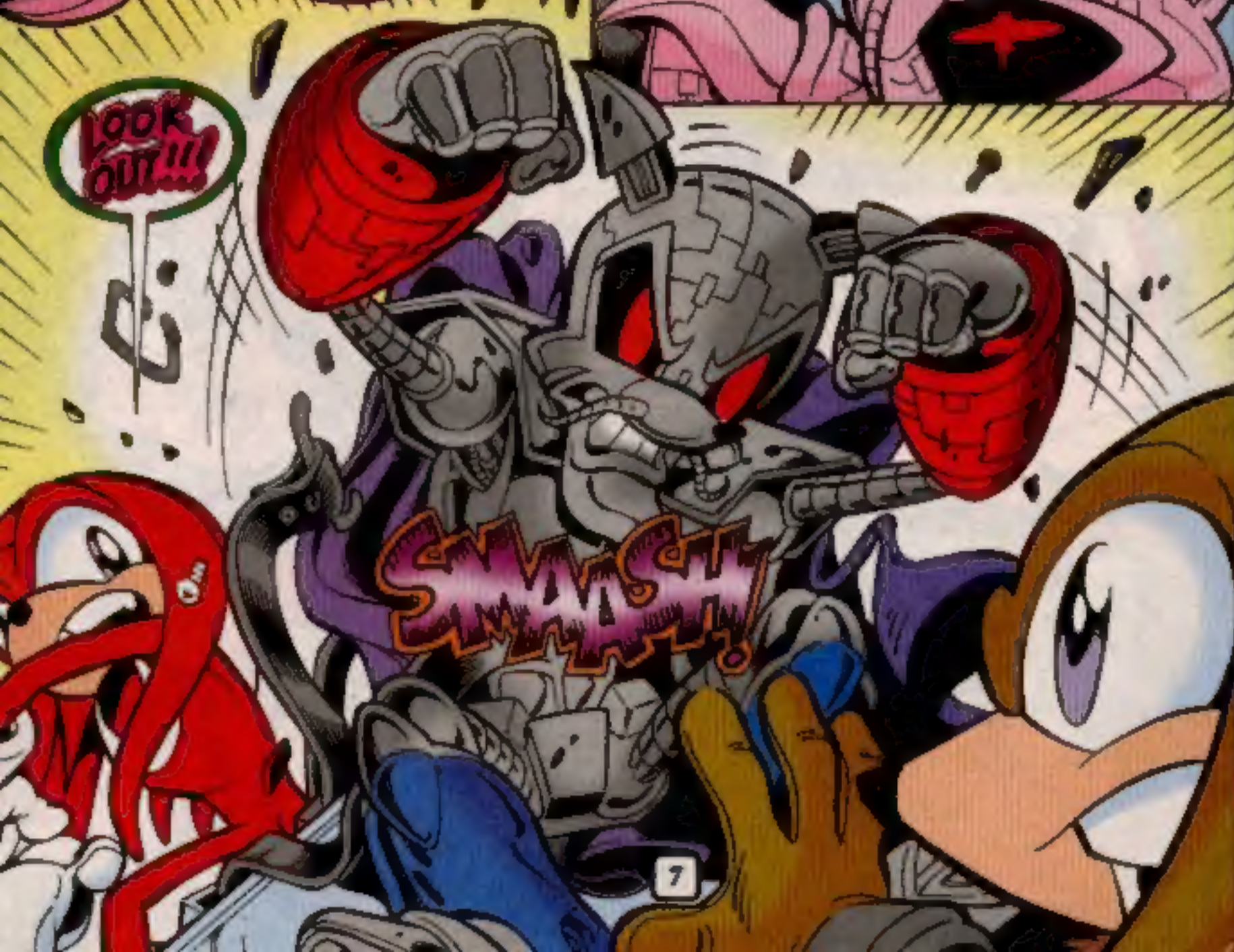
VERY POSSIBLY, BUT
THE HIGH COUNCIL FEELS IT'S
TOO RISKY TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!



WHICH MEANS--?

THEY'RE GOING
TO DE-ACTIVATE
HIM, ALL IN THE NAME
OF THE GREATER
GOOD!

LOOK
OUT!!!





GET
BACK!!!

LET ME
DEAL WITH
HIM!!!

EASY NOW,
BUD!

WE
CAN DO THIS
THE EASY
WAY!

WHAT WAS
THAT?!!

LOOK TO THE
OTHERS!!

THERE BE
SERIOUS VILLAINY
AFOOT!

AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK,
DEAR READERS!! BE HERE FOR...

NEXT: ONE LAST
CHANCE!

SONIC-GRAMS!

THIS JUST IN!

J.F. GABRIE
EDITOR

I know. I know. You bought this issue to read the newest Off Panel strip from Gallagher and Manak. After 20+ issues of their comic strips, Mike and Dave are taking an issue off. So instead we have this plain old page, full of lots of words and stuff. Well, Sonic & Knuckles fans... Sonic The Hedgehog #100 is only a dozen issues away. We've already written the plot and are so excited about all the earth-shattering events that we can barely contain it to ourselves. Have any guesses as to what will happen to our Sonic, Knuckles and all the other characters when the big 1-0-0 hits? Yes, you do. In fact, this is what I'd like all of you to do. Send me a letter (via snail mail only) with what you think will happen to your favorites. On the day 100 hits the stands, we will print all the letters that got it right in that issue! Of course we will print others as well just so you can see what your fellow fans are thinking. So what are you waiting for, take out that pen, paper, envelope and stamp (yeah, you remember those old things) and send it to the address below. Please add, "I know what happens in #100!" on the envelope to better find your letter. So that is your Sonic project for the year! Can't wait to read those letters, so hurry!

Catch you on the flip...

COMING
ATTRACTIONS

#90



Next issue: They say that birds of a feather flock together, but Sonic and Mina aren't birds, and neither of them have feathers. So what exactly do they have in common? Besides a bloodthirsty army of Robotnik's ultra-improved Com-Bots out to get them, that is? More than you (or they) would think! But don't take our word for it, see for yourself next month when it all happens right in the pages of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #90 as chronicled by Karl Bollers, framed by FRY, and ably embellished by Andrew Pepoy!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited.

Thanks for understanding!

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Well, gang... it's that time again! Sonic-gram times!

Dear Sonic,

I recently bought a copy of "SONIC ADVENTURE," and thought it was awesome! Maybe you could do another comic with Sonic versus Chaos. My brother and I love your comics. I don't see how anyone couldn't love them. I just hope your comics continue for a long time.

Chris Fields, Louisville, TN

Another round with Chaos, Chris? We know a certain blue hedgehog who can't stand the thought of a rematch!

Dear Sonic the Hedgehog comics,

I like reading your comics a lot! I have three questions and one comment:

1) I read an old issue and Sonic had a dog. What happened to him? 2) Why are the SONIC UNDERGROUND television show and the comic so different from each other? 3) I think the comic would be better if you got rid of Doctor Robotnik and got a new bad guy!

4) Will you print my letter?

Travis Clifton, Ormstown, CAN

1) Muttski made an appearance last issue, Travis, and if you read it you already know that he remains under Robotnik's control! 2) SONIC UNDERGROUND takes place in an alternate zone/reality-- grab ahold of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10 for the full scoop. 3) Isn't Robotnik bad enough?! 4) Since you asked so nicely...

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I love your comic and Sega Dreamcast's version of SONIC ADVENTURE. That's why I started collecting to start with. I was walking through my convenience store and immediately saw issue #82 because it was an adaptation of my favorite video game. So I sent in for a subscription, and then

SUPER SPECIAL #13. I'm hooked! As for issue #83-- the story, the art, the ending, they all ruled! Also, please bring KNUCKLES back! I would like a subscription to that, too! Keep up the good work!
Eric Bezzant, St. Charles, MO

Hold on tight, Eric! Things in this comic are only starting to heat up! As for the most extreme echidna of them all, tell your friends to drop us a line (like you did) letting us know that you demand more KNUCKLES!

Hiya Sonic,

I think your comics are great! I even have one of your video games!

You're so cool!

Joseph Brown, Lynchburg, VA

Thanks, Joseph! You're pretty cool yourself!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

What's up? Wal-Mart used to sell your comic, but it doesn't anymore. Luckily, I got them somewhere else, but I missed about twenty issues! Could you bring me up to date? 1) Where did Elias come from? 2) How did King Acorn get revived? 3) Is Robo-Robotnik the one you're showing in the comics now? Sonic is waaaaay past cool!!!

Gabriel Vicari (age 10), Floral City, FL

1) Elias had been living on Knuckles' Floating Island for the past ten years. 2) King Max was revived by the talismanic Sword of Acorns back in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4. 3) You guessed right, Gabe!

Dear Archie,

I have got to be the biggest Sonic fan ever. Sadly, I have missed issue #75 and #76. I have more than a year's worth (and more) of your comics, and boy, I've got to tell you each one just keeps getting better. By the way, how old is Sonic now? Well, anyway, the main question I'm trying to ask is: May I order 75 and 76?

Brian D. Bain, Chicago, IL

Yes, Brian...you may! Just take a peek at our subscription page located elsewhere in this comic you're reading, and you'll also see our back-issue order form. By the way, Sonic is sixteen years old.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I agree with Max, who wrote to you from Oklahoma City, in issue #83. My friends and I think it really stinks that you cancelled the KNUCKLES comic. The first comic book I ever read was KNUCKLES #22. The Dreamcast adaptation was really cool, but when you're done, please try to bring the comic back!

Austin Carnahan, St. Louis, MO

Another request for the return of the KNUCKLES comic...are we detecting a pattern, Austin?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just wanted to say that I would like to see Knuckles' comic series back in print. It is my favorite comic book. I read SONIC too, and I think it's great, but 1) What happened to the comedy? 2) Why did the Freedom Fighters go to the Hidden City of the Ancients? 3) What kind of animal is Antoine? Well, that pretty much covers all my questions except...4) did I mention to bring back Knuckles' comic?

Chris Yee

Grosse Ile, MI

1) Before the laughter, there are often tears, Chris... 2) To stop Robotnik from conquering it. 3) Antoine is a coyote. 4) Yes, you did...and we're definitely sensing a distinct pattern here...

Thanks for all the mail, kids! Sorry we couldn't print 'em all. See you in thirty days when we review more of 'em! Until then...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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